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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, CA

SUBJ: GOC LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

REF: STATE 178801

1. EXTAFF (MCDOUGALL, DIRGEN, ECONOMIC BUREAU) REJECTED EMBASSY'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN JULY 30 MEETING WITH AUSTRALIA AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF USG HAD CONCERNS, IT SHOULD RAISE THEM INDEPENDENTLY. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY HAS SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO MISS MCDOUGALL REQUESTING MEETING WITH GOC OFFICIALS: "DURING RECENT MONTHS USG HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF PROPOSALS WITHIN THE GOC TO REQUIRE BILINGUAL LABELLING ON VARIOUS WHOLESALE CONTAINERS. HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT DECISION MADE TO REQUIRE CARTONS WHOLESALE MEAT TO BE LABELLED BILINGUALLY EFFECTIVE NEXT MARCH, ALTHOUGH HAVE NOT SEEN ANY OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT. HAVE ALSO HEARD REPORTS THAT SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT FOR FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS WELL AS MANY OTHER AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES.

"IF REPORTS ARE CORRECT, WE WOULD VIEW SUCH ACTIONS WITH SERIOUS CONCERN BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. TRADE.

"THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE REQUEST MEETING AT WHICH MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF COULD BE BRIEFED BY APPROPRIATE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AND COULD RAISE QUESTIONS

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REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF BILINGUAL LABELLING TO WHOLE-

SALE/BULK COMMODITIES.

"HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE ARRANGE SUCH MEETING AT EARLY DATE."

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES COMPLETENESS OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL.  
IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT USG HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY INFO  
DIRECT FROM GOC NOR HAVE ANY OFFICIAL NOTICES BEEN RELEASED,  
EMBASSY BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE TO REQUEST  
BRIEFING MEETING. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION AND GOC AND WILL MAKE  
APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO GOC BRIEFING BASED ON REFTEL.  
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